

DAS Bid Posting Web Site
Request for Hosting Fees
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Goal: The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) operates the official Internet site required by Iowa Code section 73.2 for the advertisement of requests for bids or proposals for state procurements. Posting bids and proposals or linking to this site is required by any executive branch agency, the general assembly, and the judicial branch. Enforcement provisions were added to Iowa Code section 8A.311 as this section was amended by 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 814. In support of the new legislation, which enforces Iowa Code section 73.2 by voiding bids submitted to a state agency that were not properly posted, DAS General Services Enterprise has made arrangements with Iowa Interactive to update the present bid posting site to make it easier for user agencies to post bids and proposals.

Project Purpose: Ensuring vendors, service providers and other interested individuals and groups can easily and fairly access all requests for bids and proposals issued by Iowa state government.

Background: The DAS Information Technology Enterprise has operated a central site for posting bids and proposals since the requirement was put into Iowa Code section 73.2 in 2002. However, that web application was considered a temporary measure. It has not been easy for users to update, and all state government agencies have not made use of it as was required. The new legislation with enforcement provisions was added to the Centralized Purchasing section of the Iowa Code chapter 8A, giving the responsibility to the General Services Enterprise. General Services has worked with Iowa Interactive to update the web application in order to improve its viability and user friendliness.

Request: This is a request for the IOWAccess Advisory Council to approve **\$3000.00** to cover the annual costs of hosting this updated web application for posting bids and proposals in fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

Project Funds: This web site has been hosted by the Information Technology Enterprise, formerly the Department of Information Technology, with the costs being absorbed by that organization. The responsibility has now been moved to the General Services Enterprise, Purchasing Section. However, use of the service is still required of all state agencies.

Interested Parties: Interested parties are all executive branch agencies, the general assembly, and the judicial branch, vendors, service providers and the public.

Some of the Recipients of this Service: Recipients of this service include vendors interested in selling products and services to state government and state government procurement authorities.